

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 6, 1959.WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES - SELECTED CITIES AND AREAS

Federal Reserve District, Area, and City		Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)				
		Jan. 1959	Week ending			
		Jan. 1959	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21*	Feb. 28*
<u>UNITED STATES</u>		+ 6	+ 9	+ 8	+24	+10
<u>Boston District</u>		+ 3	+ 7	- 8	+30	+10
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Boston	Mass.	+ 3	+ 6	- 8	+36	+ 7
Downtown Boston	"	- 6	- 2	-14	+42	- 7
Suburban Boston	"	+22	+25	+ 4	+26	+36
Cambridge	"	+12	+ 9	+ 3	+10	+10
Quincy	"	+20	+26	+ 3	+20	+53
Lowell	"	+ 1	- 1	- 7	- 5	0
<u>City</u>						
Springfield	"	+12	+16	- 2	+25	+16
<u>New York District</u>		+ 3	+ 6	+ 1	r+47	- 4
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Buffalo	N. Y.	0	+ 3	+17	+37	+ 8
New York-N.E.	New Jersey N.Y.-N.J.	+ 3	+ 5	- 1	r+49	- 7
Newark	N. J.	+ 4	+11	- 9	+39	+12
New York	N. Y.	- 1	+ 2	- 1	r+47	-14
Rochester	"	+ 7	+26	+ 9	+36	+ 3
Syracuse	"	- 3	- 4	+15	+25	+13
<u>Philadelphia District</u>		+ 6	+ 5	+ 8	r+45	+ 7
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Wilmington	Del.	+12	- 1	r+ 9	r+59	+ 9
Trenton	N. J.	+ 1	+ 6	0	+36	+12
Lancaster	Pa.	+29	+53	+22	+74	+21
Philadelphia	"	+ 6	+ 1	+ 7	r+44	+ 8
Reading	"	+ 7	+34	+39	+55	-13
Scranton	"	+ 8	+21	+ 4	+113	-17
Wilkes-Barre--Hazleton	"	- 2	+13	+ 2	r+11	+ 6
<u>Cleveland District</u>		- 1	+11	+11	r+17	+12
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>						
Lexington	Ky.	+13	- 6	+21	+26	+ 5
Canton	Ohio	+ 5	+ 8	+ 7	+ 9	+ 7
Cincinnati	"	+ 2	0	r+14	+12	+12
Cleveland	"	- 3	+11	+ 9	+21	+ 9
Downtown Cleveland	"	**	+ 6	+10	+17	+ 5
Columbus	"	+ 1	+17	+21	+23	+26
Springfield	"	+ 7	+22	+22	+ 4	+11
Youngstown	"	- 7	+ 2	r+ 8	+18	+12
Erie	Pa.	+ 8	+ 8	r+11	+29	+ 4
Pittsburgh	"	- 2	+16	r+10	+16	+12
Downtown Pittsburgh	"	**	+15	r+ 8	+15	+12
Wheeling-Steubenville	W. Va.&Ohio	+ 5	+29	+14	+23	+26

WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES - SELECTED CITIES AND AREAS (Continued)

Federal Reserve District, Area, and City	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)				
	Jan. 1959	Week ending			
		Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21*	Feb. 28*
<u>Richmond District</u>	+10	+ 8	+ 4	+30	+12
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Washington D. C.	+10	+ 8	+ 2	r+19	+23
Downtown Washington "	+ 5	+ 2	- 9	r+12	+11
Baltimore Md.	+ 7	+ 9	+ 3	r+81	- 6
Downtown Baltimore "	- 4	0	- 8	+66	-17
Richmond Va.	+ 5	+ 2	- 1	+ 9	+19
<u>Atlanta District</u>	+ 9	+ 5	+ 5	r+23	r+ 8
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Birmingham Ala.	+10	- 9	+49	+ 7	- 6
Mobile "	+11	+ 2	+21	+13	+10
Jacksonville Fla.	+12	+15	+19	+13	+ 2
Miami "	+ 4	+ 9	+ 7	+11	+14
Downtown Miami "	+ 1	+ 5	+ 1	+ 5	+11
Atlanta Ga.	+ 8	+ 8	+ 7	+13	+15
Augusta "	+ 7	+13	- 9	**	**
Columbus "	+ 8	-14	+ 6	+ 7	+34
New Orleans La.	+10	- 8	-30	r+75	- 8
Knoxville Tenn.	+10	+17	+23	r+11	+18
<u>Chicago District</u>	+ 3	+ 6	+ 6	+19	+17
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Chicago Ill.	+ 1	- 5	+ 5	+14	+11
Indianapolis Ind.	+ 2	+ 8	+15	+30	+18
Detroit Mich.	+ 7	+20	+ 7	+31	+26
Grand Rapids "	- 3	- 5	+14	+24	+15
Milwaukee Wis.	0	+ 8	- 1	+ 9	+17
<u>St. Louis District</u>	+ 4	+ 8	+11	+12	+12
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Little Rock Ark.	+ 8	+14	+12	+16	+ 6
Louisville Ky.	+ 4	+ 9	+15	+21	+ 5
St. Louis Mo.	+ 2	+ 5	+ 7	+ 8	+13
Memphis Tenn.	+14	+15	+18	+20	+13
<u>Minneapolis District</u>	+ 1	+ 4	+ 9	+ 9	r+11
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Mpls.-St. Paul Minn.	0	+ 4	**	**	**
Mpls. and Suburbs "	- 2	+ 5	**	**	**
St. Paul "	+ 6	+ 3	+ 9	+13	+14
<u>Cities</u>					
Duluth-Superior Minn.&Wis+	2	+ 6	+11	+ 3	+20

WEEKLY DEPARTMENT STORE SALES - SELECTED CITIES AND AREAS (Continued)

Federal Reserve District, Area, and City	Percentage change from corresponding period a year ago (Based on retail dollar amounts)				
	Jan. 1959	Week ending			
		Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21*	Feb. 28*
<u>Kansas City District</u>	+ 9	+ 9	+13	+11	+18
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Denver Col.	+ 9	+ 1	+17	+17	+21
Topeka Kans.	+ 3	+ 8	- 6	+10	+18
Wichita "	+ 4	+ 5	+ 8	+ 5	+26
Kansas City Mo.	+10	+ 8	+ 8	+15	+21
Downtown Kansas City "	**	- 3	- 1	+ 2	+ 5
St. Joseph "	+ 3	0	+13	+ 3	+25
Lincoln Nebr.	+11	+18	+19	r- 3	+31
Albuquerque N. Mex.	+19	+14	+15	+ 3	+18
Oklahoma City Okla.	+12	+11	+31	+13	+15
Tulsa "	+ 6	+33	+ 5	+10	- 6
<u>City</u>					
Joplin Mo.	+ 3	- 8	+ 8	+ 6	+12
<u>Dallas District</u>	+ 8	+ 7	+16	+ 8	+13
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Dallas Tex.	+ 6	+ 3	+18	- 3	+15
El Paso "	+ 9	+ 4	+13	+ 3	+24
Fort Worth "	+ 6	+14	+18	+ 6	+20
Houston "	+ 9	+10	+16	+16	+11
San Antonio "	+11	+ 9	+16	+26	+ 5
<u>San Francisco District</u>	+13	+14	+11	+20	r+ 5
<u>Metropolitan Areas</u>					
Los Angeles-Long Beach Calif.	+14	+12	+12	+10	+ 9
Downtown Los Angeles "	+ 5	+ 5	r- 4	+ 5	- 3
Westside Los Angeles "	+13	+15	+ 8	+ 2	+10
Sacramento "	+23	+27	r+27	+50	+12
San Diego "	+11	+16	+19	+20	+27
San Francisco-Oakland "	+ 9	+17	+ 7	+31	- 4
San Francisco City "	+10	+18	+ 5	+28	- 8
Oakland "	- 3	+ 8	0	+28	- 1
San Jose "	+24	+26	+24	+46	+15
Portland Ore.	+14	+14	+ 5	+ 5	+26
Salt Lake City Utah	+13	+13	r+ 7	+37	+ 8
Seattle Wash.	+13	+ 5	+ 6	+45	-16
Spokane "	- 1	+ 9	+ 2	- 6	0
Tacoma "	+11	+ 7	+ 1	+42	-12

r--Revised.

**Data not available.

* Comparisons are affected by store closings in some cities in observance of Washington's birthday, which occurred one week later this year.